

# Plant Disease in Kansas

## Walnut quarantine: Thousand cankers disease complex

### Special points of interest:

- *Walnut quarantine*
- *Great Bend and pine wilt*

### Notice of Hearing Concerning: Proposed Permanent Quarantine

Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 2-2117, as amended, a hearing will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 15, in the Training Room, Kansas Department of Agriculture, 109 S.W. 9th, Topeka, in the matter of the issuance of a permanent quarantine regarding Thousand Cankers Disease of Walnuts. The proposed quarantine would affect the entire state of Kansas.

All interested persons may attend the hearing and will be given the opportunity to express comments either orally or in writing, or both. Interested parties may appear in person or by counsel.

Written comments and requests for information concerning the proposed quarantine should be directed to Jeff Vogel, Plant Protection & Weed Control Program Manager, Kansas Department of Agriculture, Forbes Field, Bldg. 282, P.O. Box 19282, Topeka, KS 66619, [jeff.vogel@kda.ks.gov](mailto:jeff.vogel@kda.ks.gov), at or before the time of hearing. For persons intending to present oral testimony at the hearing, prior notice to the department would be helpful in arranging the agenda. In order to give all parties an opportunity to present their views, it may be necessary to request each participant to limit oral presentation to five minutes.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to

participate in the public hearing and may request the quarantine in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting Leslie Garner at (785) 296-4623 or fax (785) 368-6668. Handicapped parking is located at the southwest corner of 9th and Kansas Ave., and the north entrance to the building is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

**Just a side note: A Kansas wood processor was recently solicited from an individual in Colorado wishing to sell truckloads of wood from dead and dying walnut in a grove west of Denver. Denver is a well known hotspot for TCD. Whew! He refused.**

## Great Bend approves pine wilt management plan

Recently the city of Great Bend passed a management plan for ever increasing disease pressure from pine wilt. Great Bend will be working with the Kansas Forest Service and Kansas Department of Agriculture in addressing this problem. Great Bend joins Hays, Beloit, and Pratt in recognizing and managing this problem.

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## INVASIVE SPECIES

## Plant Protection and Weed Control Program

Plant Protection and Weed Control staff work to ensure the health of the state's native and cultivated plants by excluding or controlling destructive pests, diseases and weeds. Staff examine and analyze pest conditions in crop fields, rangelands, greenhouses and nurseries. Action taken to control potential infestations of new pests, whether they are insects, plants diseases or weeds, is beneficial to the economy and the environment.

### Our Mission is to:

- Exclude or control harmful insects, plant diseases, and weeds;
- Ensure Kansas plants and plant products entering commerce are free from quarantine pests;
- Provide customers with inspection and certification services.

The Plant Disease Survey in Kansas has been conducted since 1976. The survey addresses disease situations in field crops, native ecosystems, and horticultural trade. The Kansas Department of Agriculture works cooperatively with Kansas State University and Extension programs, United States Department of Agriculture, and various commodity groups.

## Wheat disease and Karnal bunt update

As combines move into north-west Kansas, the Kansas Karnal bunt survey is coming to an end. About 330 samples were taken across Kansas to meet export certification needs by federal treaty with our foreign customers. As of this date, laboratory results have all been negative.

During this time, our staff has the opportunity to discuss production and pest situations with local production personnel. Here are a few notes from those conversations.

Common bunt:: Reported to be a concern in areas of south central Kansas around Barber

and surrounding counties. The disease was also of concern in and Sheridan County in north-west Kansas.

Stripe rust : Well over 300,000 acres were treated in and around Oakley, Kansas. This was repeated in many other areas in central and western Kansas. Some producers got the itch to spray late and did not get the results they hoped for.

Wheat streak mosaic: The virus complex was a problem in west central Kansas near Scott City. Other reports indicate SW had a problem around Meade and Liberal.

Yields were relatively good with high test weights overall.

We would like to thank all the cooperators for their participation in the Karnal Bunt survey.